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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST QUESTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. SC INFORMAL CONSULTATION (FACTUAL ACCOUNT BY SEPTEL)  
ON MIDDLE EAST MORNING DEC 12 CLEARLY REVEALED EXTENT TO  
WHICH NON-ALIGNED AND OTHERS, PARTICULARLY FRANCE, INSIST  
UPON DEFINING RELATIONSHIP OF SC TO ME PEACE CONFERENCE.  
ALTHOUGH FRANCE AND YUGOSLAVIA AGGRESSIVE, DEBATE  
GENERALLY RESPONSIBLE IN TONE AND COUNCIL UNLIKELY KICK  
OVER TRACES UNLESS RECEIPT OF LETTER TO SYG DELAYED BEYOND  
PRESENT EXPECTATIONS.

2. TODAY'S CONSULTATIONS GAVE US CLEAR READING OF MOOD  
OF COUNCIL AS IT ATTEMPTS TO DEFINE ITS RELEVANCE TO  
MIDDLE EAST PEACEKEEPING EFFORT. BROADLY SPEAKING, COUNCIL  
SEEMS FULLY CONSCIOUS THAT US-LED EFFORT ON ME IS BOTH IMPORTANT  
AND DELICATE, AND THAT USC MUST BE CAREFUL IN DOING ITS OWN  
THING NOT TO DISTURB THIS EFFORT. AMONG NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS  
NORMALLY DISPOSED TO HYPERACTIVISM, ALL EXCEPT YUGOSLAVIA  
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ARE SHOWING RESTRAINT. INDIA IS SHOWING MATURE SENSE OF

RESPONSIBILITY. GUINEA AND KENYA HAVE SOMETIMES SEEMED TEMPTED TO STIR THE POT, BUT NEITHER CISSE NOR ODERO-JOWI HAS ALLOWED REACH TO EXCEED GRASP.

3. MORE SORRISOME SOURCE OF TROUBLE HAS BEEN FRENCH DELEGATION. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT VEHEMENCE OF FRENCH INSISTENCE ON SC "AUTHORIZATION" AND "MANDATE" FOR SYG GOES SOMEWHAT BEYOND THEIR PERENNIAL VIEWS ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SC AND SYG OR EVEN THEIR TRADITIONAL OPINION OF THE UN. FRENCH ATTITUDE PLAINLY CONDITIONED BY FRUSTRATION AT BEING LEFT OUT OF ME ACTION. DE GUIRINGAUD'S MIFF WAS CLEARLY SHOWING THIS MORNING, BUT WE HOPE WE CAN EXPECT FRENCH NOT TO BE PETTY WHEN CHIPS ARE DOWN.

4. SOVIETS WERE AGAIN ON GOOD BEHAVIOR, EXCEPT FOR MINOR SLY EFFORT BY MALIK TO IMPLY THAT ISRAELIS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR FACT CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS STILL INCOMPLETE. IN PRE-MEETING CONVERSATION, MALIK SAID HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTION BEYOND RECEIPT OF TEXT OF LETTER; HE SUGGESTED BENNETT SPEAK FIRST AND HE WOULD THEN REPEAT TIME WE USED. HE KEP HIS PROMISE.

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